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PARIS FOR USOECD, ALSO FOR EMBASSY

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TAGS: ELAB, OEXC, IT (VERONESE, SILVANO)
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR ITALIAN LABOR
VISITOR; FLM TO AFFILIATE TO IMF

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. UIL METALWORKERS UNION (UILM) NATIONAL
SECRETARY SILVANO VERONESE, A SOCIALIST, ALSO A NATIONAL SE-
CRETARY OF THE TRICONFEDERATIONAL UNITARY UMBRELLA METALWORKERS
FEDERATION FLM, WILL BE IN DETROIT THE WEEK BEGINNING MAY 29
FOR AN INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS FEDERATION (IMF) CONFERENCE
ON THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY. UILM SECRETARY GENERAL VINCENZO
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MATTINA AND VERONESE APPROACHED EMBASSY AT THIS LATE DATE
SEEKING ASSISTANCE FOR VERONESE, SPECIFICALLY AN INTERPRETER,
SINCE VERONESE WILL BE ONLY ITALIAN AT CONFERENCE AND SPEAKS
LITTLE OR NO ENGLISH. VERONESE IS VERY YOUNG, IMPRESSIVE
MEMBER OF YOUNG TURKS WHO SURROUNDED GIORGIO
BENVENUTO WHEN HE WAS UILM SECRETARY GENERAL AND HELPED
BENVENUTO BECOME UIL SECRETARY GENERAL. EMBASSY REALIZES THAT

IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR STATE OR LABOR DEPARTMENT OR ICA TO PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE IN DETROIT, AND THAT UAW PROBABLY ALREADY HAS LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS FOR IMF CONFERENCE WELL IN HAND, SUCH AS ITALIAN INTERPRETER FOR VERONESE. EMBASSY NONTHELESS REQUESTS THAT INQUIRIES BE MADE AND WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE BE PROVIDED, IF POSSIBLE.

2. VERONESE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE FLIGHT DATA OR MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ABOUT HIS REQUIREMENTS BEFORE RUSHING BACK TO TURIN FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH FIAT, AND UILM HEADQUARTERS COULD PROVIDE ONLY BEGINNING DATE OF CONFERENCE.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. DURING CONVERSATION, MATTINA SAID TALKS WITH IMF (BELIEVE HE SAID WITH REBBAN AND LODERER) HAD NOW PAVED WAY FOR IMF ACCEPTANCE OF FLM AFFILIATION. FLM INCLUDES COMMUNIST-DOMINATED FIOM/CGIL AS WELL AS FIM/CISL AND UILM. MATTINA VIEWED IMF ACCEPTANCE OF FLM AS HELPFUL IN PUTTING PRESSURE ON CGIL TO BREAK THE REMNANTS OF ITS TIES WITH WFTU AND THE EAST, AND MAKE A DEFINITE CHOICE FOR THE WEST.GARDNER

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